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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2015-0160; FXIA16710900000-156-FF09A30000]

Endangered Species; Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) prohibits activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is acquired that allows such activities.

DATES: We must receive comments or requests for documents on or before **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: *Submitting Comments:* You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on **Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2015-0160**.
- *U.S. mail or hand-delivery:* Public Comments Processing, Attn: **Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2015-0160**; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters, MS: BPHC; 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

We will post all comments on <http://www.regulations.gov>. This generally means that we will post any personal information you provide us (see the **Public Comments** section

below for more information). *Viewing Comments:* Comments and materials we receive will be available for public inspection on <http://www.regulations.gov>, or by appointment, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays, at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041–3803; telephone 703–358–2095.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda Tapia, (703) 358-2104 (telephone); (703) 358-2281 (fax); *DMAFR@fws.gov* (email).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Comment Procedures

A. How Do I Request Copies of Applications or Comment on Submitted Applications?

Send your request for copies of applications or comments and materials concerning any of the applications to the contact listed under **ADDRESSES**. Please include the **Federal Register** notice publication date, the PRT-number, and the name of the applicant in your request or submission. We will not consider requests or comments sent to an email or address not listed under **ADDRESSES**. If you provide an email address in your request for copies of applications, we will attempt to respond to your request electronically.

Please make your requests or comments as specific as possible. Please confine your comments to issues for which we seek comments in this notice, and explain the basis for your comments. Include sufficient information with your comments to allow us to authenticate any scientific or commercial data you include.

The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are: (1) Those supported by quantitative information or

studies; and (2) Those that include citations to, and analyses of, the applicable laws and regulations. We will not consider or include in our administrative record comments we receive after the close of the comment period (see **DATES**) or comments delivered to an address other than those listed above (see **ADDRESSES**).

B. May I Review Comments Submitted by Others?

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the street address listed under **ADDRESSES**. The public may review documents and other information applicants have sent in support of the application unless our allowing viewing would violate the Privacy Act or Freedom of Information Act.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

II. Background

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, and in consideration of section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), along with Executive Order 13576, “Delivering an Efficient, Effective, and Accountable Government,” and the President’s Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies of January 21, 2009 - Transparency and Open Government (74 FR 4685; January 26, 2009), which call on all Federal agencies to promote openness and transparency in Government by disclosing information to the

public, we invite public comment on these permit applications before final action is taken.

III. Permit Applications

Endangered Species

Applicant: Fox Brown Outfitters, Indiantown, FL; PRT-71725B

The applicant requests a permit authorizing interstate and foreign commerce, export, and cull of excess barasingha (*Rucervus duvaucelii*) from the captive-herd maintained at their facility for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Palm Beach Zoo and Conservation Society, West Palm Beach, FL; PRT-73299B

The applicant requests a permit to import a live, wild-caught, confiscated female jaguar (*Panthera onca*) for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through zoological display and captive propagation.

Applicant: Timothy Estep, Worcester, MA; PRT-69026B

The applicant requests a permit to import hairy rattle weed (*Baptisia arachnifera*), green pitcher-plant (*Sarracenia oreophila*), Alabama canebrake pitcher-plant (*Sarracenia rubra* spp. *Alabamensis*), and mountain sweet pitcher-plant (*Sarracenia rubra* ssp. *Jonesii*) from Europe for the purpose of scientific research.

Applicant: Toledo Zoological Gardens, Toledo, OH; PRT-68848B

The applicant requests a permit to import a captive-bred female snow leopard (*Uncia uncia*) from Helsinki Zoo, Helsinki, Finland for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Toledo Zoological Gardens, Toledo, OH; PRT68850B

The applicant requests a permit to import a captive-bred male snow leopard (*Uncia uncia*) from Stiftelsen Nordens Ark, Hunnebostrand, Sweden for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Eduardo Guzman, Fernandina Beach, FL; PRT-66728B

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following species to enhance species propagation or survival: Galapagos tortoise (*Chelonoidis nigra*). This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Christopher Ton, East Norriton, PA; PRT-56809B

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for the following species to enhance species propagation or survival: Red siskin (*Carduelis cucullata*). This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: The George Washington University, Washington, DC; PRT-69115B

The applicant requests a permit to import partial skeletons and teeth of eastern gorillas (*Gorilla beringei*) and chimpanzees (*Pan troglodytes*) from the wild archived by the Rwandan government for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Los Angeles Zoo, Los Angeles, CA; PRT-71659B

The applicant requests a permit to import two male and eight female captive-bred pronghorn peninsular (*Antilocapra americana peninsularis*) for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 1-year period.

Multiple Applicants

The following applicants each request a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Ronald Urbanczyk, Spring Branch, TX; PRT-77410B

Applicant: Mark Dietz, Wichita, KS; PRT-75358B

Applicant: Justin Trial, Albany, TX; PRT- 74769B

Applicant: Gordon Ambrosek, Apache, OK; PRT-73572B

Applicant: Billy Marlow, Ruleville, MS; PRT-74317B

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